

September 2005
NORTHERN COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

Property crashes in August were up just slightly and injury crashes were down by 9.5%. Fatal crashes climbed sharply to 9 from last years 5 and last months 5. Total crashes decreased by 2.1% from last month and by increased 7.5% over last year.

Overall field enforcement was down 7.0% in September as compared to August and was down by 12.8% from the same time last year. DUI arrests from crashes decreased by 11.1%, DUI arrests prior to crashes decreased by 1.1%, and hazardous moving violations decreased by 16.1% as compared to last month.

The Northern Command Commercial Section completed 102 Level I inspections during the month of September. The Level I Inspection goals for the 04/05 Federal Fiscal year are 640. The Northern Command Commercial Enforcement Section has completed the Fiscal year with a total of 787 inspections or 122.9% of this goal.

During the month of September, 721 Level II/III inspections were completed. The Level II/III Inspection goals for the 04/05 Federal Fiscal year are 6660. The Northern Command Commercial Enforcement Section completed the Fiscal year with 6863 inspections or 103.5% of the goals.

The Northern Command airplane conducted a total of eight enforcement missions during September which resulted in a total of 328 violations. The aircraft was in attendance at both the Winnemucca Air Show and the Reno Air races in static display.

There were four major events in September that impacted the Northern Command. These include Burning Man, the Reno Hot Air Balloon Races, Street Vibrations, and the annual Sparks Nugget Rib Cook-off.

The Northern Command will continue to target the accident causing violations in the high crash areas during the high crash times in an attempt to reduce the number of crashes.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	September 2005		September 2004	% Change		August 2005	% Change
Total Crashes	430		400	7.5%		439	-2.1%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	288		273	5.5%		287	0.3%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	133		123	8.1%		147	-9.5%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	9		5	80.0%		5	80.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	16		15	6.7%		18	-11.1%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	10		6	66.7%		7	42.9%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	4		0	400.0%		3	33.3%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		2	-200.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		4	-400.0%		1	-100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1		1	0.0%		0	100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	5		1	400.0%		1	400.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	34		9	277.8%		28	21.4%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicles	31		6	416.7%		23	34.8%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3		3	0.0%		5	-40.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		0	0.0%		1	-100.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 2.1%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.7%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 40.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 7.9%

CRASH ANALYSIS:

Overall crashes were down 2.1% this month compared to last month. There was a sharp increase in fatal crashes when comparing last month and last year; this increase was 80% in either case or an increase of 4 occurrences.

Reno and Carson areas continue to have significant amounts of road construction which has influenced the crash rate. Ongoing construction in the "Spaghetti Bowl" and North McCarran/Clear Acre area create significant traffic problems in the Reno area with major congestion occurring during the commuter traffic hours.

Reno Urban Traffic experienced a 12.6% decrease in traffic crashes over last month. The Reno urban area continues to experience unprecedented growth however staffing levels failed to keep up.

The majority of Reno urban traffic crashes continue to occur in the McCarran loop and during commuter hours.

Fernley/Fallon area experienced an increase in overall crashes. Total crashes increased by 17.0%.

Carson/Tahoe/Minden experienced an increase in crashes of 3.1%.

Troopers will continue to work accident reduction and prevention programs, targeting the accident causing violations in the high accident locations during the high accident times. Accident causing violations remain following too close as a significant number of crashes are rear-end collisions.



FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	September 2005		September 2004	% Change		August 2005	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes **	16		15	6.7%		18	-11.1%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes **	86		72	19.4%		87	-1.1%
Other Arrests	341		348	-2.0%		365	-6.6%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) **	176		177	-0.6%		189	-6.9%
Speed violations	1975		2382	-17.1%		2084	-5.2%
Hazardous moving violations	720		845	-14.8%		858	-16.1%
Occupant restraint violations *	296		368	-19.6%		386	-23.3%
Total violations [above violations included]	5209		5975	-12.8%		5604	-7.0%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	72		9	700.0%		48	50.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	46		37	24.3%		41	12.2%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6]	833		892	-6.6%		987	-15.6%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	2		1	100.0%		2	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	295		338	-12.7%		327	-9.8%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2240		2177	2.9%		3005	-25.5%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	98		153	-35.9%		154	-36.4%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	89		61	45.9%		115	-22.6%
Total school buses inspected	153		30	410.0%		208	-26.4%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	30		2	1400.0%		39	-23.1%
Total trucks weighed	103		314	-67.2%		632	-83.7%
Total overweight citations	17		23	-26.1%		40	-57.5%
Total dyed fuel inspections	531		381	39.4%		687	-22.7%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		6	-600.0%		4	-400.0%

* Seat belt and child restraint

** Commercial Enforcement Activity Included

FIELD ENFORCEMENT:

Overall enforcement was down 7.0% overall and was down by 12.8% over the same time last year.

COMMERCIAL ENFORCEMENT

During the upcoming months, the Northern Region will continue to maintain its high level of work performance in an effort to ensure it has a good base upon entering the winter months. The Commercial Enforcement Section will continue to schedule check-sites and Pre-Pass will be used at the Mustang check-site when ever possible. Finally, the scale teams will be used throughout the command in an effort to locate those vehicles operating unsafely. This command will be receiving new scales to assist the teams with this enforcement.

AIR OPERATIONS

The Northern Command airplane flew a total of 61.9 hours during September. Nine enforcement missions were scheduled; eight were accomplished and one was cancelled due to rain. Five missions were flown in the Northern Command; three were flown in the Central Command.

The aircraft was on static display at the Winnemucca Air Show September 10, and also at the Reno Air Races September 16, 17, 18.

The NDI polygraph examiner was transported to Elko for tests on September 13. This was accomplished in conjunction with a speed enforcement mission in Winnemucca on the same day.

Three misdemeanor prisoner transports were conducted in September. One from Fallon to Battle Mountain, one from Winnemucca to Reno and one from Winnemucca to Fallon.

A request to have Trooper Wes Brown appointed a Backup Pilot has been submitted to Headquarters along with supporting documentation.

Below is a comparative summary of N111HP flight operations in the Northern and Central commands for the month of September, 2005.

Total Hours Flown	2005	2004	Change
Time over sites.....	25.4	30.1	- 16 %
Time enroute to sites.....	11.1	20.2	- 45 %
Prisoner Transports.....(3)	8.3	(2) 9.4	- 12 %
Personnel Transports...(2)	5.6	(1) 4.5	24 %
Training.....	6.0	5.2	15 %
Winnemucca Air Show..	3.9		
Reno Air Races.....	1.6	1.3	23 %
Burning Man Patrol.....		12.6	
Miscellaneous.....		6.0	
Total:	61.9	89.3	- 31 %
Enforcement Missions Flown:	8	10	- 20 %
Total Enforcement Activity:	328	416	- 21 %
Activity Per Flight Hour:	12.9	13.8	- 7 %

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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FRONT OFFICE	September 2005	September 2004	% Change		August 2005	% Change
Accident Reports Processed	419	391	7.16%		514	-18.48%
Arrest Reports Processed	147	176	-16.48%		162	-9.26%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	3	11	-72.73%		13	-76.92%
Office Accident Reports Taken	19	33	-42.42%		9	111%
COURT / WARRANT	September 2005	September 2004	% Change		August 2005	% Change
Warrants Received	488	598	-18.39%		689	-29.17%
Warrants Entered	169	104	62.50%		437	-61.33%
Warrants Cleared	421	1133	-62.84%		525	-19.81%
Warrants Validated	191	292	-34.59%		238	-19.75%
Citations Processed	3344	3447	-2.99%		4311	-22.43%
COMMUNICATION CENTER	September 2005	September 2004	% Change		August 2005	% Change
Radio Transmissions	99498	89587	+11.06%		92487	+7.58%
EVIDENCE	September 2005	September 2004	% Change		August 2005	% Change
CAD incidents	11747	9185	+27.89%		12654	-7.17%
New Cases Submitted	54	49	10.2%		39	38.5%
New Items Submitted	82	67	22.4%		69	18.8%
Items Disposed	43	80	-46.3%		72	-40.3%

FRONT OFFICE

Three Administrative Assistant II positions are currently vacant. One position will be utilized for Research and Development. The recruitment process to replace the vacant Court Warrants position has begun.

A front office AAIL is being utilized as a backup to that vacant warrants position. One AAIL attended the "First Line Supervisor's Academy" in Carson City the last week of September.

COURT WARRANTS

Some compensatory time for entering backlogged citations is being accrued. Regular citations processed decreased by 24%. The front office AAIL is surpassing the number of base entries on new warrants based on past reporting.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Northern Command Communication center currently has two vacant Public Safety Dispatcher I positions and one vacant PSD IV position. However, with 3 personnel actively in training, the Center remains effectively down 6 positions. A new PSD I joined us in the middle of September and interviews are scheduled for another 10 applicants.

Total work hours lost actually decreased by 27% since last month primarily due to a decrease in sick, annual, and comp leave use. It increased by 40.21% from the previous year due to a rise in sick and annual leave in comparison with the vacant positions.

Compensatory overtime decreased by 28.57% and paid overtime increased by 3.38% when compared to the same period last year. Overtime as a whole decreased by 2.59% when compared to the same period last year and increased by 17.91% when compared to last month. The decrease from last year is primarily due to the increased use of flexible scheduling and day off trading. The increase over last month is primarily due to annual leave and vacant position coverage. The coverage of vacant positions accounted for 49.46% of the overtime followed by 20.08% for sick leave and 11.29% for annual leave.

Radio transmissions increased by 11.06% over this period last year and 7.58% since last month. CAD incidents have increased by 27.89% over last year and decreased 7.17% since last month. The primary reason for the increase in transmissions is likely due to the new arrival of field personnel combined with special events in September; as well as increased radio use by allied agencies. The increase in incidents is primarily due to the increase in population as well as special events and a high number of serious accidents in September.



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